



Spring Public Meeting Agenda

May 20, 2015
Columbus, Ohio

Meeting Location:

Crowne Plaza - Downtown Columbus
33 East Nationwide Boulevard, Columbus, OH 43215
Muirfield Ballroom

Wednesday, May 20, 2015 (Eastern Time)

- 1:30pm Welcome from HTF Co-Chairs and State Host
- Ellen Gilinsky, HTF Federal Co-chair and Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Water, US EPA
 - Ted McKinney, Director, Indiana State Department of Agriculture
 - Craig Butler, Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- 1:45 pm Update from U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Ann Mills, Deputy Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment, USDA
 - Mississippi River Basin Initiative (MRBI), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), and tools that are available to states to help with their nutrient reduction strategies
- 2:05 pm Nutrient Stewardship Panel
- Wade Foster, Manager, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs, The Fertilizer Institute
 - 4R's Outreach
 - Greg LaBarge, Field Specialist, Agronomic Systems and Associate Professor, College of Food, Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, The Ohio State University Extension
 - Ohio AgriBusiness Association's voluntary 4R Nutrient Stewardship Certification Program for retail outlets
 - John Schlichter, Deputy Director, Ohio Department of Agriculture
 - Ohio Nutrient Applicator Certification Training Program

3:00 pm	Break
3:15 pm	Partner Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Stanley, Director of Conservation and Assistant State Director, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) – 10 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – TNC’s strategy to address nutrient loading and hypoxia in the Mississippi River Basin and the Gulf of Mexico • Colin Wellenkamp, Director, Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative, Northeast-Midwest Institute – 10 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Matching municipalities with farmers for interstate water quality trading • Pat Sinicropi, Senior Director, Legislative Affairs, The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) – 10 minutes AND • Steve Hershner, Utilities Director, City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa – 10 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cedar Rapids, Iowa RCPP project: an innovative opportunity for agriculture and the urban water sector to work together to reduce nutrient pollution and improve water quality
3:55 pm	Questions, Comments, and Discussion
4:05 pm	Partner Activities, Continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Scanlon, Executive Director, Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) – 10 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Building watershed success through partnership with farmers and farming communities • Larry Weber, Director, IIHR – Hydroscience & Engineering and Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Iowa – 10 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Iowa Water Quality Information System: An online resource for nutrient monitoring data
4:25 pm	Q&A, Closing Discussion: Opportunities for HTF Partners to Achieve Common Goals
4:40 pm	Public Comment Session
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